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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Joshua D Campbell

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: Application filed on 01/18/2002
2. Claims 1-4 are pending in this case. Claims 1 and 3 are independent claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

3. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. A website is non-statutory unless it is tangibly embodied on a computer readable medium. In order to overcome this rejection it is suggested that the preamble of claim 1 be changed to the following: "A website that is tangibly embodied on a computer readable medium for displaying a plurality of HTML pages sequentially, the website comprising: ..."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1 and 3 recite the limitation "second link" in part (c) of the claims. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the

claim. It is also noted that a third-image link is disclosed where there is no antecedent basis for a second link. Proper correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

7. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Microsoft PowerPoint (hereinafter PowerPoint, published in 1999 by Microsoft Corporation).

Regarding independent claim 1, PowerPoint discloses a method in which a first and second HTML pages are displayed in which a first image link links the first page to the second page so that the pages are displayed sequentially (first page, then second when the image link is selected) (Pages 1 and 2, items 1-3). PowerPoint also discloses that a third HTML page, which is to be inserted into a predetermined position either between the first and second pages, before the first page, or after the second page (Pages 6-11, items 6-8 which designate the predetermined position for page insertion, and items 9-11 which show the pages after insertion occurs). The links necessary to keep the navigation sequential are automatically added to the third page and any links on the first and second pages are corrected to maintain sequential display (Pages 12-14, items 12-15, which properly act to navigate the pages sequentially with the new third page in its current position – between pages 1 and 2).

Regarding dependent claim 2, PowerPoint discloses a method in which the links are graphical icons (in this case arrows) (Page 1, item 1).

Regarding independent claim 3 and dependent claim 4, the claims incorporate substantially similar subject matter as claims 1 and 2. Thus, the claims are rejected along the same rationale as claims 1 and 2.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US Patent Number 6,072,480

US Patent Number 6,339,431

US Patent Number 6,590,586

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joshua D Campbell whose telephone number is (571) 272-4133. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 AM - 4:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon can be reached on (571) 272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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